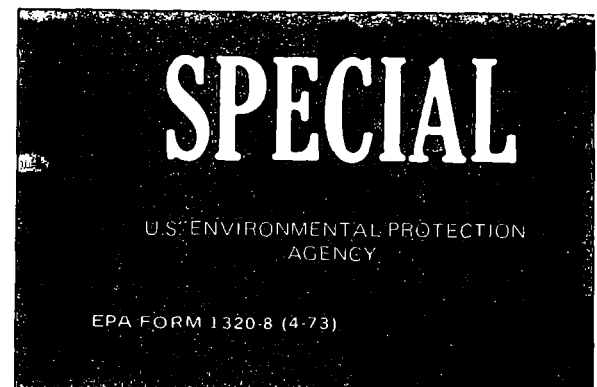


ACTION MEMORANDUM - ENFORCEMENT

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SITE NAME/LOCATION: Rico – Argentine Mine, St Louis Tunnel, Settling Ponds Enforcement-lead Time Critical Removal		
Routing Sequence	Concur (Y/N/w comments)	Date
1. OSC: <u>Steve Way x6723</u> (8EPR-SA)	<i>SW</i>	<i>11/1</i>
2. Removal Supervisor: <u>Curtis Kimbel x6108</u> (8EPR-SA)	<i>Y w/ comments</i> <i>CK</i>	<i>11/1/10</i>
3. TEP Enforcement Specialist: <u>Carol Pokorny</u> (8ENF-RC)	<i>Y w/ comments</i> <i>CP</i>	<i>11/2/10</i>
4. CERCLA TEP Director: <u>Kelcey Land x6393</u> (8ENF-RC)	<i>CP for K/L w/ changes</i>	<i>12/28/10</i>
5. LEP Attorney: <u>Amelia Piggott x6410</u> (8ENF-L)	<i>AP</i>	<i>12/28/10</i>
6. LEP Director: <u>Matt Cohn x6853</u> (8ENF-L)	<i>yes - see comments</i>	
7. ECEJ ARA*: <u>Mike Gaydosh x6773</u> (8ENF-IO)	Information only	
8. OSC / Floyd Nichols x6644 (for revisions) (8EPR-SA)		
9. PAR Philip Werner x6831 (for review) (8EPR-SA)		
10. PAR Director: <u>David Ostrander x6827</u> (8EPR-SA)	<i>DAO</i>	<i>11/11/10</i>
13. <u>Floyd Nichols x6644</u> (8EPR-SA)	Distribution	





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ACTION MEMORANDUM-ENFORCEMENT

DATE: October 29, 2010

SUBJECT: Request for a Time-Critical Removal Action at the Rico-Argentine St. Louis Tunnel/Settling Ponds Site in Dolores County, Colorado

FROM: Steven Way, On-Scene Coordinator
Emergency Response Unit

THROUGH: Curtis Kimbel, Supervisor
Emergency Response Unit

TO: David Ostrander, Director
Preparedness, Assessment & Emergency Response Program

Category of Removal: PRP-Lead, Time Critical

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Action Memorandum is to request and document approval of a Time-Critical Removal Action for the proposed removal action described herein. This removal action addresses the St. Louis Tunnel and associated settling ponds at the Rico-Argentine Site in Rico, Dolores County, Colorado ("the Site"). The conditions at this Site meet the criteria set out in the National Contingency Plan ("NCP") at 40 CFR 300.415(b)(2) and thus warrant a removal action. There are no nationally significant or precedent-setting issues associated with the response.

II. SITE CONDITIONS AND BACKGROUND

The CERCLIS ID number for the Site is COD9890952519 – Rico-Argentine Site. The Superfund Site ID number is 08-BU (Rico-Argentine Site) and the Operable Unit is OU01 (Rico Tunnels). Site conditions are such that this removal action is classified as Time-Critical.

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